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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: SITREP NO. 5

1. WE NOW HAVE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE TERRORISTS AND THEIR DEMANDS. WE GET THIS FROM OUR CONSULAR LOCAL WHO HAS JUST COME BACK FROM POLICE COMMANDANT TAROON'S OFFICE. HE WAS ABLE TO OVERHEAR RADIO AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS IN DARI TAKING PLACE.

2. ACCORDING TO WHAT HE OVERHEARD, THE TWO TERRORISTS ARE DEMANDING TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT TARAKI AND TO GET THE RELEASE OF THREE POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING HELD BY THE DRA IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR DUBS. THE THREE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE: FAIZANI, WAHIZ, AND MAJID. WE BELIEVE THESE PRISONERS MAY BE SHI'AS ARRESTED IN A ROUNDUP WHICH TOOK PLACE HERE A WEEK OR SO AGO. WE ARE TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE NAMES. LATER: OUR BIO FILES REPORT A FAIZANI AS A KABUL MULLAH WHO WAS ONCE ARRESTED IN 1974.

3. FURTHER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AMIN WAS HEARD INSTRUCTING

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TAROON TO TAKE NO ACTION WHICH MIGHT HARM EITHER AMBASSADOR

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DUBS OR THE TWO TERRORISTS.

4. A TECHNICAL PROBLEM HAS ARISEN IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE TERRORISTS. THE HOTEL ROOM WHERE THEY AND AMBASSADOR DUBS ARE STATIONED HAS NO TELEPHONE. THUS, THE DRA DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ARRANGE A PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TERRORISTS AND TARAKI OR OTHERS. WHEN LAST HEARD, THE DRA WAS CONSIDERING HOW TO SOLVE THIS.

5. SOME LATE INFORMATION: THE AMBASSADOR HAS APPEARED AT THE HOTEL WINDOW AND APPEARS UNHARMED. AMSTUTZ

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